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Spotlight on CHHS Stakeholder



Dr. Keith R. Knapp

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) announced that Dr. Keith R. Knapp, President and Chief Executive Officer of Christian Care Communities is the 2012 recipient of the Distinguished Service to ACHCA Award. The award was presented during the recent awards banquet at ACHCA's Annual Convocation and Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Distinguished Service to ACHCA Award recognizes an ACHCA Fellow who has demonstrated distinguished service to ACHCA and leadership within the profession of long-term care administration. Dr. Knapp's ongoing commitment to ACHCA on the national and state level makes him an outstanding example and deserving award winner in long-term care.

Dr. Knapp has served the ACHCA since 1982 in a number of different capacities. He is a past National President and has continued to serve in many roles, including serving on the Academy Board of Trustees, Convocation Committee, and Mentoring Task Force. He has also served several terms on the Kentucky Nursing Home Administrators Licensure Board, and successfully spearheaded the effort to include ACHCA Certification in the state's regulations as an accepted qualification for gaining reciprocity. His knowledge, experience, energy, and enthusiasm are an inspiration and have been invaluable to both the national ACHCA and the Kentucky Chapter.

Celebrating 50 years of excellence (1962-2012), the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long-term care administrators and executives. Focusing on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to its diverse membership of administrators from across the continuum of long-term care. For more information about ACHCA contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit www.achca.org.

Spotlight on CHHS Alumni

Jeremiah Jagers, an MSW graduate, became the first alum of the Master of Social Work program to defend his dissertation (at the University of Alabama). Dr. Jagers, a 2008 graduate of the MSW program, is now an Assistant Professor of Social Work at East Tennessee State University, serving in the BSW program.



Dr. Jeremiah Jagers and Dr. Jay Gabbard in Hong Kong

Nursing Students Donate to Newborns in Need

Students in the Nursing 444- Maternal Child Nursing donated needed baby items for Bowling Green's local chapter of Newborns in Need. These items will go to families who go home without the necessary items needed to care for a newborn.



8th Annual Hilltopper Black Bag Classic

*Original posted in the *College Heights Herald*

http://wkuherald.com/diversions/article_d3882e08-9315-11e1-928d-0019bb30f31a.html

Trinity Gonzalez said she knows how important a child's future is. She took a "little brother" under her wing through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program when she was an undergraduate student at WKU.

"Robert was a great kid, crazy and pretty much grossed me out all the time," Gonzalez said. "But we always had fun, and I'm glad I was able to impact his life."

These days, Gonzalez works at the WKU Downing University Center as a program coordinator.

Gonzalez's involvement with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program hasn't ended. This year, she oversaw the 8th Annual Hilltopper Black Bag Classic on Saturday.

All proceeds went toward Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky, Gonzalez said. In the past, fundraising has been given to outreach programs such as the American Red Cross and the Dream Factory. Gonzalez said this is more personal.

"I'm glad the money is going to Big Brothers Big Sisters," Gonzalez said. "I believe it's a good cause, and I'm happy I can still be involved."

The event was held at Nolin Lake, and fishermen traveled from all over to cast their lines in the competitive tournament.

Last Saturday, bass boats lined the bay at dawn at Moutardier Marina in Leitchfield. Anglers arranged their poles and prepped their tackle before taking off one by one into the blue horizon.

WKU students from the **Recreation Administration Program** watched from the shore as the boats sped away. The students worked all semester to plan for the tournament, organizing fund raising events and recruiting fishermen.

White House, Tenn., junior Shelby Hooper said the all the hard work was paying off.

"Everything is going smoothly today," Hooper said. "We've a had a good turn out, and there are twice as many boats out today."

Fishermen returned to a weigh-in station with full live-wells that held their catch on the hour. Students met the anglers at their boat and placed their fish in black bags to conceal the size the bass.

"This is a black-bag tournament, meaning the weight of the fish is disclosed until the final weigh-in," Hooper said.

Gonzalez said boater registration fees pay for prize winnings in the tournament. This year, a total of 39 boats turned out for the event, increasing the winners' pool.

Scott Abner of Cincinnati caught the first fish of the hour. He said the fish were biting, and he anticipated a good day.

"Today is all about catching fish and having fun," Abner said. "I'm happy to be here — I know it's for a good cause."

Department of Communication Disorders wins *WalkingWorks*® Challenge

Congratulations to the Department of Communication Disorders for taking first place in the 2012 Spring *WalkingWorks*® Challenge. Their team had an average of 161.35 miles. They did this with only four members: Lauren Bland, April Cochran, Bernadette Mullen, and Jan Sandidge. Great job!

MPH Alum Admitted to University of Iowa Doctoral Program



Aditya Stanam

Aditya Stanam, MPH alumni, was admitted to the prestigious Iowa Toxicology program with funding for the Fall of 2012. The Human Toxicology Admissions Committee were very impressed with Stanam's achievements. Stanam attributed much of his success to Dr. Vijay Golla, an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health.

"For every key step in my life in U.S., your contribution has been evident." Said Stanam in an email to Dr. Golla. "Be it, my Master's program, be it Indian Student Association, be it the award I got from CHHS, be it the summer work I did with you, be it the admission process for Iowa.....; for every important step in my life over here, you have been there out and helped me."

Congratulations Aditya!

Dr. Martha Jenkins Honored with Jefferson Award



Dr. Martha Jenkins

Dr. Jenkins was one of the four local residents selected for the prestigious South Central Kentucky Jefferson Awards for selfless public service, sponsored by the Daily News and the WBKO-TV, and presented April 19, 2012. Her story is one of decades of community service and numerous volunteerism awards and recognitions. In addition to teaching in the **Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)** at Western Kentucky University over a period of 40 years, she had continued that service after retiring from her faculty position. In addition to teaching, her involvement in campus and community organizations resulted in a string of accolades and service projects.

Although she has worked with numerous service organizations and groups, her particular passions are working with the FACS Phi Upsilon Omicron (Phi U) National Honor Society on their professional service projects involving the community and with the Dream Factory, Inc. of Bowling Green making dreams come true for critically and chronically ill children. The Phi U honor society has won national recognition for their projects in 13 of the last 15 years Jenkins has advised the professional service project. She says it is particularly rewarding to see students turned on to the joy of providing service to others. It is also rewarding to her to see the delight in the faces of Dream Factory children for whom she has been the dream coordinator.

This past year she Co-Chaired the “Preserving the Past-Sustaining the Future” juried quilt show and historic retrospective celebrating the 100-year history of the FACS Department at WKU. The exhibition at the Kentucky Museum opened October 21st and closed December 10th and included programming throughout the period. Telling the 100-year history of FACS from 1911 through 2011 required hours and hours of service prior to, during, and following the exhibition, as well as working with the Museum staff and numerous FACS alumni.

As current Chapter Advisor to the Phi U honor society that Jenkins has worked with since 1964, Cynthia Jones writes that Jenkins' story is one others should try to model themselves after and that the world needs more people like her. Romanza Johnson, as well as Marla and Ray Flannery, who submitted the nomination, noted that Martha continues to be a loving wife and mother and a dedicated member of her church.

Dental Hygiene Students Achieve 100% Pass Rate

Western Kentucky University Dental Hygiene students enjoyed a 100% pass rate on the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE). The NBDHE is a computer-based exam administered by the American Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. It is a daylong examination given to students to measure proficiency in a variety of subject matters including Anatomic Sciences, Pathology, Pharmacology, Radiology, Periodontology, Community Health, and Management of Care. Overall, WKU students scored more than 1 standard deviation above the national average!



Front Row: Courtney Jamison, Nikki Kennedy, Casey Frost, Sarah Lynch

Second Row: Jessica Mounce, Christie Woods, Devan Russell, Kristen McCubbin

Third Row: Ashley O'Bannon, Kelsey Morrison, Alicia Azimipour, Mikell Nelson, Brittney Kennedy

Fourth Row: Morgan Poore, Kayla Jenkins, Samantha Johnson, Heather Sprouse, Whitney Rion

Fifth Row: Kayla Ginn, Azra Hajric, Lyndi Adler, Deanna Gipson

Back Row: Chad Jones, Kelly Daughters, Tracy Walker, Alyssa Nantz, Hannah Murrey

Congratulations to School of Nursing Faculty Member

Dr. Dawn Garrett-Wright received the Kentucky League for Nursing 2012 Award for Excellence in Nursing Education at the annual meeting of the league on May 18, 2012.



Dr. Dawn Garrett-Wright

Department of Public Health Wins Award for the Fourth Consecutive Year

WKU Kentucky Public Health Association won the Best Student Chapter in the state of for the fourth consecutive year. The group had three oral presentations and ten posters were presented. The event was held March 26th through March 30th in Louisville, KY.



Front Row: Dr. Cecilia Watkins-Faculty Advisor, Chad J. Beswick-President, Ashley Elmore-Vice-President, Erin Milliken-Secretary, Dr. Grace Lartey-Co-Faculty Advisor

Back Row: Alka Bhattarai-Membership Coordinator, Ines Dugandzija-Treasurer, Whitney Bowen-Historian, Prachi Chavan-Activities Chair

CHHS Students Recognized at Scholars Banquet

Congratulations to the following students that were recognized at the 2012 Scholars Banquet hosted by the Office of Scholar Development:

Sara Moody, Social Work and Asian Religions & Cultures- Received the George Mitchell Scholarship. This scholarship funds one year of postgraduate study in any discipline in Ireland and Northern Ireland for up to twelve U.S. citizens each year.

Mentor: Ms. Jan Peeler, Department of Social Work

The following students all received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. This scholarship awards up to \$5,000 for U.S. undergraduates to pursue academic studies abroad.

Jamye Bowins Hardy, Social Work

Iesha Brown, Health Science, Pre-Dental

Brittany Garrett, Exercise Science

Hannah Jones, Nursing

Tracy Moles, Nursing

Alex Rayburn, Exercise Science

Kelsey Starface, Health Care Administration